

# Valley County Board of County Commissioners

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RE: FRTA Easement, South Fork of the Salmon River Road

Dear Supervisors Lannom and Seesholtz,

The Valley County Commissioners voted on Monday June 12, 2017 to reinstate Valley County's request to have the South Fork of the Salmon River Road from the Warm Lake Highway in the Boise National Forest north to the Lick Creek Road in the Payette National Forest become under the jurisdiction of Valley County by utilizing the Forest Roads and Trails Act (FRTA). Jake Strohmeyer, Cascade District Ranger, Boise National Forest was in attendance during the discussion. For years Valley County has performed the winter snow removal on this section of the road and the Forest Service has performed summer maintenance. Valley County has worked with the respective National Forests as repairs and improvements were made to this roadway which provides access to the Public Lands of both the Boise and Payette National Forests. With Valley County receiving the approval through a FRTA Easement it will allow Valley County the opportunity to apply for funding through the Highway Distribution Funds which will assist in the cost of maintenance of this roadway. This will also provide opportunities with grants and other resources that may not have been available to the Forest Service which will help to maintain the roadway.

We respectfully ask that the Boise and Payette National Forest provide the necessary documentation to transfer the responsibilities over to Valley County for the South Fork of the Salmon River Road.

The Valley County Commissioners look forward to working together in the future to complete the FRTA process.

Please let us know if there is anything Valley County can do to assist with the process.

Sincerely,



Gordon L. Cruickshank, Chairman  
Valley County Commissioners

Cc via email: Valley County Commissioner, Bill Willey  
Valley County Commissioner, Elt Hasbrouck  
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